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INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

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Sir:

This interview summary record is being filed in response to the notice in the Interview Summary mailed with the Notice of Allowance in the present application on January 26, 2005. The Interview Summary states that "Applicant Is Given One Month From ... The Mailing Of This Interview Summary Form ... To File A Statement Of the Substance Of The Interview" for the interview held January 3, 2005. The summary of the interview is as follows:

On January 3, 2005, Examiner Umez-Eronini telephoned Applicants and requested authorization from the undersigned to update the priority information to place the application in condition for allowance, as noted in the Interview Summary prepared by the Examiner. The Examiner suggested that in the priority claim after "January 20, 1998" the following should be inserted—, now US Patent 6,287,975—. The undersigned agreed to the amendment.

No fee is believed due with this Interview Summary Record. However, should a fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 06-1325.

Respectfully submitted,

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